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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

NABEEL YOUSEF AFRAM,

Petitioner,

v.

PETER D. KEISLER,** Acting Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 05-72408

Agency No. A96-105-965

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted September 24, 2007***

Before: CANBY, TASHIMA, and RAWLINSON, Circuit Judges.

Nabeel Yousef Afram, a native and citizen of Jordan, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") decision affirming the Immigration

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** Peter D. Keisler is substituted for his predecessor, Alberto R. Gonzales, as Acting Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 43(c)(2).

*** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Judge's order denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence, *Faruk v. Ashcroft*, 378 F.3d 940, 943 (9th Cir. 2004), and we deny the petition.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's denial of Afram's asylum claim because Afram failed to show changed or extraordinary circumstances to excuse the untimely filing of his asylum application. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1208.4(a); *see also Ramadan v. Gonzales*, 479 F.3d 646, 657 (9th Cir. 2007).

Substantial evidence also supports the BIA's denial of withholding of removal because Afram failed to establish that it is more likely than not that he will be persecuted if returned to Jordan. *See Faruk*, 378 F.3d at 944.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.